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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kazuo KOBAYASHI et al

Title: ENDO- β -N-ACETYLGLUCOSAMINIDASE GENE

Appl. No.: 09/700,993

Filing Date: 07/20/2001

Examiner: David J. Steadman

Confirmation No.: 4879

Art Unit: 1652

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002¹, extended for two months, applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 2-8 and 10-15, for examination on the merits. This election is without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorize to charge any additional fees deemed necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,


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November 12, 2002
Date

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¹ As the due date for filing a response fell on Saturday, November 9, 2002, and as the USPTO was closed for business on Monday, November 11, 2002, the filing of this response on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 is considered to be timely.